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SUBJECT: CU/IVP/VV: GREEK FILM MAKER MATSAS VISIT TO U.S.

1. POST REQUESTING VOLUNTARY VISITOR ASSISTANCE FOR WELL-KNOWN GREEK DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKER AND WRITER NESTOR MATSAS WHO TRAVELING TO U.S. APRIL 10 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY DAYS. PURPOSE OF TRIP TWOFOLD: (1) TO ATTEND OPENING OF HIS FILM "THE ROOTS OF OUR LAND" AT LINCOLN CENTER ON APRIL 12 UNDER SPONSORSHIP GREEK CONSULATE GENERAL NYC AND ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS, GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHBISHOP OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA; AND (2) TO SHOOT FOOTAGE FOR DOCUMENTARY HE PRODUCING TO ILLUSTRATE INFLUENCE ANCIENT GREEK CIVILIZATION ON MODERN, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS ARCHITECTURE, THEATRE, DANCE AND MEDICINE. SUBJECT REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SERIES OF APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL AUTHORITIES WHO COULD ADVISE HIM WHAT TO INCLUDE IN FILM FROM U.S. MATSAS CAN BE REACHED IN NEW YORK THROUGH OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP, ATTN. EDUCATION DIRECTOR HADJIEMMANUEL.

2. ADDITIONAL BIO DATA AS FOLLOWS:

AUTHOR OF 17 BOOKS, PRODUCER 40 DOCUMENTARIES AND WEEKLY TV PROGRAM ON GREEK FOLKORE, STATE AWARD FOR MOVIE MAKING, STATE AWARD FOR LITERATURE, ATHENS ACADEMY AWARD FOR WORK ON GREEK HERITAGE, LITERARY COLUMNIST AND MOVIE CRITIC FOR ATHENS DAILY VRADYNI, PARTICIPANT AT CANNES AND SEVERAL OTHER FILM FESTIVALS.
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